

BABY MONKEYS.

Monkeys are born in almost as helpless a condition as are human beings. For the first fortnight after birth they pass their time in being nursed, in sleeping, and in looking about them. During the whole of this time the care and the attention of the mother are most exemplary; the slightest sound or movement excites her immediate notice; and, with her baby in her arms, she skillfully reads any approaching danger by the most adroit maneuvers. At the end of the first fortnight, the little one begins to get about by itself, but always under its mother's watchful care. She frequently attempts to teach it to do for itself, but she never forgets her solicitude for its safety, and at the earliest intimation of danger seizes it in her arms and seeks a place of refuge. When about six weeks old the baby begins to need more substantial nutriment than milk, and is taught to provide for himself. Its powers are speedily developed, and in a few weeks its agility is most surprising. The mother's fondness for her offspring continues; she devotes all her care to its comfort and education, and, should it meet with an untimely end, her grief is so intense as frequently to cause her own death. "The care which the females bestow upon their offspring," says DuRoi, "is so tender, and even refined, that one would be almost tempted to attribute the sentiment to a rational rather than an instinctive process. It is a curious and interesting spectacle, which a little precaution has sometimes enabled me to witness, to see these females carry their young to the river, wash their faces in spite of their childish cries, and altogether bestow upon their cleanliness a time and attention that in many cases the children of our own species might well envy. The Malays indeed related a fact to me, which I doubted at first, but which I believe to be in a great measure confirmed by my own observations. It is, that the young monkeys, while yet too weak to go alone, are always carried by individuals of their own sex; by their fathers if they are males, by their mothers if females." M. d'Osserville states that the parents exercise their parental authority over their children in a sort of judicial and strictly impartial form. "The young ones were seen to sport and quarrel with one another in the presence of their mother, who sat ready to give judgment and punish misdoings. When any one was found guilty of foul play or malicious conduct toward another of the family, the parent interfered by seizing the young criminal by the tail, which she held fast with one of her paws till she boxed his ears with the other."—*Chamber's Journal*.

QUESTIONS TO THE OPENING OF MUSEUMS ON SUNDAY.—We regret that the Lords should have thrown out the bill on Tuesday for the opening of museums and similar places on Sundays. The smallness of the majority leads us to hope that this forward and really beneficial step will be taken very long. As the Times very well puts it: "The gravity of the question is that London has in its midst people to whom anything of the nature of intellectual toil and prolonged sight-seeing is of that character—is essentially irksome. But they are human beings, and not lost to all salutary influences. It would be folly to despair of making the Sunday more tolerable than it is to them. Our climate does not often admit of men and women sitting out of doors talking or listening to elevating music. Some substitute must be found to put man on a level with the people of more sunny lands. It is the task of true friends of the working classes to suggest means by which, without any restriction in national ideas as to the sacredness of Sunday, they may be enabled to taste those simple and primitive pleasures—foremost the pleasure of pure repose of mind and body, of hearing music—which all, even the unimpaired, can enjoy. The movement is directed toward the cure of a real social evil, and those who oppose it are bound to suggest a more effective remedy."—*Nature*.

Topnoody made up his mind that he was not going to be teased any longer by his wife, so when he went home at noon he stalked in and called imperiously: "Mrs. Topnoody, Mrs. Topnoody!" Mrs. T. came out of the steaming kitchen with a drop of sweat on the end of her nose and a rolling pin in her hand. "Well, sir," she said, "what'll you have?" Topnoody staggered, but heaved up. "Mrs. Topnoody, I want you to understand, Madam,"—and he tapped his breast dramatically—"I am the engineer of this establishment. Now, you are you? Well, Topnoody, I want you to understand it"—and she looked at him—"I am the boiler that will blow up and stop the engine clear over into the next county. Do you hear the steam escaping, Topnoody?" Topnoody heard it, and he meekly inquired if there was any assistance he could render in the housework.

A "school girl" recently wrote to the San Francisco *Call* that she had unsuccessfully tried to get the "fan flirtation," and requested that it be published in the following Sunday's paper. The editor replied: "We do not know where to obtain the genuine 'fan flirtation.' There is no such thing; that is no code of signals which can be generally recognized. Any lady who is so disposed to manage a 'fan flirtation' which would be generally understood, but the less 'school girls' have to do with 'fan flirtations,' or any other kind of flirtations, the better for them."

A lady now residing in this city was once traveling by stage in the Cascade Mountains, and stopped to the night at an out-of-the-way country inn. She was tired with her journey and slept late in the morning, not responding to the first call for breakfast. Presently there came another tap at the door and a girl's voice said: "Please, mum, what you got up?" "I want to use one of your sheets for a tablecloth,"—*Keokuk Constitution*.

A clerk was discharged, and asked the reason. "You are a slow show about everything," said the employer. "You do not do an injustice," responded the clerk. "There is one thing that I am not slow about," "I should like to hear you name it," answered the employer. "Well," said the clerk, slowly, "nobody can get fired as quick as I can."

A new explosive compound has been introduced by J. M. Gervin, Paris, which is said to possess more explosive force than all other explosive materials and which will not explode when a flame is applied to it, or in consequence of an ordinary blow, but only by means of a cartridge or cap.

TUNEFUL TRIFLES.

ROAM-ANTIC.

A timid young man in Macomb
Took a beautiful girl to her home;
The bulldog was loose,
Kind words were no use,
So up an oak tree he did roam.

AESTHETIC TASTE.

The Billy goat's a pretty bird,
And loves to dine on shirts;
But for a mid-day luncheon he
Prefers to eat hoop-skirts.
Old oyster-cans and rubber shoes
Appease his appetite,
While barrel-hoops and corset-stays
Fill him with great delight.

NO, IT CANNOT BE!

While all is seductive
And bracing and bland,
And the wayside with redolent
Zephyrs is fanned,
We wish our kind readers
Will all understand
The old song of "Shoot the hat"
Is heard in the land.

CAUSE OF COOLNESS.

As her head lay on my shoulder,
And my strong arms did enfold her,
While so fondly I did hold her,
Praising her goodness and air;
As becoming bold and bolder,
I thought that I then could mold her,
So I would not have to scold her,
For her beauty was due care—
She could not have become colder,
If in Arcady I'd rolled her,
As earnestly I did her,
From our feet to leave out her hair!

A SPRING POEM.

In the Spring the merry robin
All his songs melodious trills;
In the Spring, the mellow sunshine
Gilds the valleys and the hills;
In the Spring, the youthful slinger
Told to regulate the ant;
In the Spring, a young man's fancy
Lightly turns to cheekered pants.
In the Spring, the young June bug
Sits upon the "faint" vine;
In the Spring, the gentle maiden
Goes to sleep and then to pine;
In the Spring, the Easter boy
Sings forth in splendor;
In the Spring, the front gate
With the lovers on it piled.

THE BARBER'S LOVE.

"Fair maiden, will thou share my fate?"
A love-sick barber cried;
"Oh, yes," said she; "I cannot be
A little shorter cut."
"Thy lip, my love, doth wound me deep,
And cutteth sharp and keen,
Soap suds art thou to my heart,
Which comes no other queen."
"And give to me my bonny bride,
Thou wilt not condescend,
I feel my days have run their race
And reached their latter end."
"Thy form must crumble in the dust,
These lips in death grow dumb;
Thy barber's mug, so fair and snug,
Mustache in place become."

A MAN WITH MANY OWNERS.

"Whose man may General Garfield be?"
Quoth little Tommy Jones,
Who hoped he might pick up some bits
Of civil service bones.
"Why, he is Conkling's man, you see,"
His wisest friend replied;
And now the stalwarts and their friends
Will all be satisfied."
"Whose man is Garfield?" Tommy asked,
The next succeeding day,
When all his bright and blooming hopes
Had faded quite away.
"Why, Blaine controls the President,"
Replied an older friend,
And Conkling's domineering rule
Must taper to an end."

An older and a wiser friend
Remarked to Tommy then:
"Our new Ohio General
Belongs to many men."

"One owns a piece, and one a part,
Of J. A. Garfield's soul,
And all are mad as cats because
They can't acquire the whole."
"When he shall satisfy them all,
That great result will be
A quite unheard-of, splendid, grand
And glorious victory."

LUCK OF ONE DAY'S FISHING.

One morning, when Spring was in her teens—
A morn to a poet's wishing,
All fluted in delicate pinks and greens—
Miss Beale and I went fishing.

I in my rough and easy clothes,
With my line to the sunshine's merry;
She with her hat I sped down to her nose,
And her nose tip, vice versa.

I with my reel, my rod and my hooks,
And a hamper for luncheon recesses;
She with the bait of her country looks,
And the savor of her golden tresses.

So we sat down on the sunny dikes,
Where the white pond lilies teeter,
And I went to fishing like quail and line,
And she like Simon Peter.

All the noon I lay in the light of her eyes,
And dreamily watched and waited;
But the fish were cunning and would not rise,
And the baiter alone was baited.

As I took the time for departure came,
The bag was flung as a fonder;
But Beale and neatly hooked her game,
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